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Senate GOP tax plan hits snag over deficit

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WASHINGTON
The GOP's fast-moving effort to overhaul the tax code hit an unexpected roadblock Thursday evening, with the collapse of a plan to win over recalcitrant lawmakers with a promise to limit the impact of the legislation on the federal deficit. Senate leadership, who had hoped to vote to pass the overhaul by late Thursday night, instead sent lawmakers home and began to search for a new way to offset the cost of the legislation. They are looking to win the support of several senators, including Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who has led a small group of colleagues in demanding that the bill's \$1.5 trillion tax cut not drive up the nation's debt.

The scramble was the result of two successive setbacks Senate Republicans suffered Thursday as they moved toward a vote. First, the Joint Tax Committee, Congress' nonpartisan scorekeeper, reported that the tax bill would not generate nearly as much economic growth over the next 10 years as Republicans had expected. As a result, the nation's deficit would be \$1 trillion higher.

Then, the Senate parliamentarian ruled that a Corker-backed proposal to automatically raise taxes in the future if Republican expectations of higher growth did not materialize was not consistent with Senate rules.

While most of the GOP would have been happy to move on and pass the bill,

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Fired "Today" show host Matt Lauer said he will focus on repairing the damage he caused by his "troubling flaws." **6A**



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JIM NABORS, 87, WAS GOMER PYLE

Actor's down-home comedy made him a TV star and his operatic voice later entertained fans around the world. **4A**

Tillerson will soon be replaced, say officials

Next State Dept. chief reportedly would be Trump's loyal CIA leader

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WASHINGTON
The White House has readied a plan to oust embattled Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and replace him with CIA Director Mike Pompeo, who has become one of the most personally loyal and

politically savvy members of President Donald Trump's national security team, two administration officials confirmed Thursday.

The plan, hatched by White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, is expected to be set in motion over the next few weeks, and has broad support within Trump's inner circle, the officials said. But it was unclear whether Trump had signed off



Rex Tillerson



Michael Pompeo

on the plan yet, and the president has been known to change his mind about personnel and other matters before finalizing decisions with public announcements.

Under the plan, Pompeo would likely be replaced at the CIA by Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., one of Trump's most steadfast defenders and a confidant to some leading members of the foreign policy team, according to the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the White House has not publicly announced the moves.

The New York Times was first to report on Thursday morning Kelly's active plan for the personnel changes.

Asked during a Thursday morning meeting with the crown prince of Bahrain, Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, whether he wants Tillerson to remain as secretary of state, Trump told reporters, "He's here. Rex is here."

White House spokesmen did not immediately comment.

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GREETING THE FAITHFUL IN MYANMAR

Pope Francis shares a moment with youths as he arrives at St. Mary's Cathedral, in Yangon, Myanmar, on Thursday. He later traveled to Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he urged the international community to take "decisive measures" to resolve the causes of the exodus of Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar, what the United Nations has declared a case of ethnic cleansing. **9A**

City close to signing contract on confronting gun violence

■ **Advance Peace, a controversial gun violence reduction program pioneered in Richmond, will likely be replicated in Sacramento, making the California capital the test city to see if the program is viable as a new approach to curbing violent crimes.**

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City leaders are days away from signing a deal to bring a controversial gun violence reduction program to Sacramento, making the capital city a testing ground to see if the novel approach can be successfully replicated outside of Richmond, Calif., where it began.

The program, Advance Peace, targets a small number of people - usually young men of color - who have been identified by law enforcement and community members as most likely to commit gun violence, but whom police have been unable to arrest. These men are paired with mentors, often reformed felons with similar backgrounds as the participants, for intensive interven-

tions over the course of an 18-month "fellowship" program meant to provide alternatives to criminal lifestyles.

In Sacramento, the program is expected to initially target about 50 participants in neighborhoods across the city, "shooters" who are suspected of committing gun crimes or have been victims of retaliatory gang gun violence.

Advance Peace has been heavily criticized in Sacramento and nationwide as an attempt to pay criminals to not commit crimes because some fellows may qualify for a

stipend of up to \$9,000 during their participation for meeting goals such as completing parenting classes or obtaining a GED.

Both Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones and District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert have expressed skepticism of Advance Peace. Sacramento police chief Daniel Hahn has said he is open to working with the program.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Vice Mayor Rick Jennings have strongly championed the program, as have community leaders in Sacramento neighborhoods most affected by gun violence.

"We have an opportunity to change the arc of gang and gun violence in our community,"

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